

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Amended) A method of applying a coating on an article, the method comprising:

depositing a predetermined quantity of coating on a surface of the article;

spreading the coating by causing the article to revolve; and

applying the coating directly to a surface of the article which is not covered by said predetermined quantity of coating spreading under the effect of centrifugal force.

35. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein the direct application of the coating takes place simultaneously with rotation of the article.

36. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein the direct application consists in spraying.

37. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein the direct application is performed by a nozzle whose positioning and orientation are adjustable.

38. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the coating which spreads under the effect of centrifugal force is deposited on the surface at the moment when it is set into rotation and wherein a nozzle is used for applying the coating directly to the surface of the article, said nozzle being downwardly inclined and situated slightly above the periphery of said surface.

39. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 38, wherein said surface is generally rectangular in shape when observed from above.

40. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein rotation of the article is stopped suddenly after the coating has spread by the desired amount.

41-44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein the coating is without organic solvent.

46. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein the coating is heated by being raised to a temperature higher than ambient temperature.

47. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 46, wherein the coating is heated to a temperature lying in the range 40°C to 50°C.

48. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 34, said article being hollow and comprising a bottom and a side wall, wherein a coating is in addition deposited inside the article, and wherein the quantity of coating deposited is sufficient to enable it to rise under the effect of centrifugal force at least part of the way up the side wall of the article.

49. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 48, wherein the side wall is, at least in part, parallel to the axis of rotation about which the article is rotated.

50. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 48, wherein the side wall of the article is stepped.

51. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 48, wherein the quantity of coating deposited on said bottom is sufficient to enable the coating to cover the top edge of the article after rising up the side wall.

52. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 34, wherein the coating which spreads under the effect of centrifugal force is deposited on a surface which is substantially plane or slightly convex.

53. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein, when the coating that is to be spread under the effect of centrifugal force is deposited, the speed of the article is zero or substantially zero.

54. (Previously Amended) A method according to claim 52, wherein the surface is generally rectangular in shape when observed from above at the moment when the surface is set into rotation to spread the coating under the effect of centrifugal force, and wherein a means for applying the coating directly to the surface of the article comprises a nozzle that is downwardly inclined and situated slightly above the periphery of said convex surface.

55. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein a coating is used that is capable of being cured under the effect of ultraviolet radiation.

56. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 55, wherein the coating deposited on the article is caused to be cured while the article is still in rotation.

57. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein the article is constituted by a container body, a container lid, a stopper, or a flask.

58. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein said coating is selected from the group consisting of a varnish and a paint.

59. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein said coating is in a fluid state.

60. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, said article comprising a bottom and a side wall, wherein the coating is deposited on a center area of said bottom, said center area being spaced from said side wall.

61. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, the article comprising a bottom and a side wall, said bottom having an outer surface, wherein said coating is deposited on said outer surface.

62. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, said article comprising a bottom and a side wall, wherein said method comprises:

depositing the predetermined quantity of coating on said bottom without said coating contacting said side wall.

63-81. (Canceled)

82. (Previously Added) A method according to claim 34, wherein the coating which spreads under the effect of centrifugal force is deposited on an outside surface of the article.

83. (New) A method of applying a coating on a hollow article, the method comprising:

depositing a predetermined quantity of coating on a surface of the article;

spreading the coating by causing the article to revolve; and

applying the coating directly to a surface of the article which is not covered by said predetermined quantity of coating spreading under the effect of centrifugal force.

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